

## AN AWFUL CRIME.

An Alms House Burned down and two inmates Cremated.

## THEY ARE LOCKED TIGHT IN A ROOM

By the Man who sets Fire to the Building, and left

## ALONE TO PERISH IN THE FLAMES.

The Half-Witted Incendiary Confesses his Guilt.

## CHILDISH ANGER WAS HIS MOTIVE.

Threatened with Punishment for running away, he sets the Bedding afire, looks in two other inmates, and hides in the Haymow. The Building is Saved by Hard Work. A Coroner's Jury Examines into the Affair, and the Guilty Wretch is Locked up—He Knew it was Wrong to Burn People.

About 2 o'clock yesterday morning a female inmate of the Marshall county alms house discovered fire in a wing of the building and at once alarmed the keeper of the institution.

Water was convenient, and by hard, quick work the flames were subdued, the air being perfectly still at the time. Had the wind been blowing nothing could have saved the buildings. As it was, the side was burned out for a considerable space and the damage to the building will be considerable.

As soon as the flames were subdued sufficiently to admit of it the room where the fire was raging was entered. It had been occupied by Wesley Holmes and Eliza Duncan, two aged and infirm inmates, and John Chambers, a simple minded inmate who has spent most of his life in this institution.

A HORRIBLE SIGHT met the eyes of the keeper. On the floor lay the scorched and blistered bodies of the two old people, death having relieved them of their terrible misery. Chambers was gone, but a search of the premises located him in the haymow at the barn.

It was evident to the keeper that the fire had originated within the room, and that it was the result of the deliberate act of Chambers he did not doubt. Justice Criswell, of Mountville, was notified, and summing a jury, composed of J. W. Smith, G. W. Evans, G. W. Morris, H. H. Kaller, P. C. Wallace and Edward Manning, he with Officer Joe Gray proceeded to the scene of the tragedy.

The premises were carefully examined and the man Chambers closely questioned. He admitted that he had fired the bedding in the room with a match and then left for the barn, locking the door behind him. He said he was mad and wanted to burn the whole business, including the keeper and his family.

When asked if he did not know it was

WRONG TO KILL PEOPLE and that he might be hung for it, he said that he did, but that he would rather go to jail than hang; that he would rather stay in jail than at the poor farm. He said the thing looked a good deal worse since it was done than it did before he started into it.

It transpired that he ran away from the home the evening before the fire for the purpose of visiting the family of an ex-keeper, now dead, but was brought back and told that he would be whipped if he ran away again. He says this incensed him, and he took the fire plan to get even.

A verdict in accordance with the facts was brought in by the jury, and the imbecile was locked up to await the meeting of the next grand jury. The general impression is that the mad house is the proper place for him.

The old man who lost his life in the conflagration was known as "Hopping Wes." He had lost the entire use of his lower limbs, and his peculiar motions in moving about gained for him that appellation. He had been at the home many years.

## The Terrible Round of Festivities.

The U. S. Torriers had a large and enjoyable picnic on the Fourth at Mauletown, about twenty couples going out in two large wagons. "Bill" Turner waited on the tables. Last evening the gentlemen of the party got Turner's quartette and went around to the houses of the ladies on the island, serenading them. A very enjoyable evening was spent. The ladies may expect to hear from the Torriers again soon. They have organized a fishing club, and will leave July 23 to go in camp up the river. The 31st will be visitors' day, and the ladies are expected to partake of the hospitality of the camp in large numbers. William Dinger is captain and Joe Weitzel is lieutenant and steward. He is an artist in hash.

## The Platform Broke.

George Paulus, a resident of the South Side, employed at the Riverside steel works in Benwood, was painfully injured yesterday morning. He was standing on a platform working when a lot of bricks gave way and fell on the platform, breaking it down. Paulus fell on his side on a piece of timber and one of his ribs was lacerated between the spine and he was otherwise painfully bruised. He was brought up home and Dr. J. H. Pipes attended to his injuries.

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## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and about the City.

The new flag on the City Hospital improves the appearance of the big house, and tends to distinguish it as a public building.

THURSDAY evening the Wheeling Cyclers will hold a meeting, to get up road races. A lantern parade will be arranged for.

When the boys began yesterday to count the cost of their celebration they were honestly glad the Fourth comes but once a year.

A SPECIAL train was run on the W. & L. E. road yesterday, but is believed to have been done as an experiment for the new time card.

At 8 o'clock yesterday evening Mr. I. G. Dillon took a party of friends up the river in one of his naphtha yachts. The party enjoyed the moonlight voyage.

The Wheeling and LaBelle potteries are having their annual shutdown and will resume in two weeks. The heaters at the LaBelle mill will go on to-day.

Two lots in the Peabody and Eskey addition to McMechen were sold yesterday to Mrs. Margaret Riley, for \$140 apiece, by Nesbit & Devine, the real estate agents.

JIMMIE CROFT, the old man who broke several ribs in a fall at the Wheeling Mining and Manufacturing company's brick yard a few weeks ago, is out and around.

SEVERAL members of the Fortnightly club with their ladies took a buggy ride to Mauletown last night, and enjoyed one of the Wayside inn's hot waffles and fried chicken suppers.

OFFICER O'BRIEN yesterday arrested Charles Merchant and John Ryan for disorderly conduct, and Special Officer Genter arrested William O'Brien, a drunk, at the Terminal depot.

The laying of the new natural gas main on the west side of Chapline street from Fourteenth to Tenth is now almost completed. It is to be continued on down to Nineteenth street.

The excursion to be given by Wheeling City Castle No. 2, K. G. E., July 17, having been declared off, those holding tickets will have their money refunded by returning them to the committee.

The Boggs Run Valley Band has been organized, with John Neidemeyer as president, Mr. Schambra as secretary, and August Georger as treasurer. F. W. Baumer & Co. furnished the instruments.

ALL that remains to be done on the Main street bridge now is to connect up the street car tracks at the ends and lay the brick pavement. The proper completion of the approach at the northern end is a rather serious problem.

THE ironworkers herabouts are anxiously awaiting the result of the conference between the Amalgamated Association and the manufacturers. Harry Hawkins will leave this morning for Pittsburgh to attend the conference.

It was chilly and foggy enough at daybreak yesterday morning for an inclement day about Thanksgiving time. The fog that rolled down over the town in clouds was so dense at times as to obscure the view from Market street of the City Hall clock.

OFFICER CARNEY last night shot a dog which had been removed from Fulton by its owner, who was afraid it would be killed for having bitten a boy. The mayor and the marshal of Fulton located the brute and had Officer Carney kill it.

THERE were eighteen cases in the police court yesterday. Two girls went to jail and a man to the hill, while the rest paid pretty stiff fines. After adjourning court the Myrion continued the celebration by shooting off a pack of dynamite crackers in the court room. There are eight or ten cases on this morning's docket from the Fourth's offenders.

## ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Mr. H. P. McGregor left yesterday for New York.

Prof. Earle Wilfong, of Bothany, was at the McClure yesterday.

Drs. Burchinal and Calvert were on a visit to Mannington yesterday.

J. W. Ryan, wife and child, of Steubenville, were down yesterday.

Squire W. H. Caldwell and wife will leave to-day for Saratoga Springs.

Miss Jennie McGown is spending her vacation as the guest of friends in the east.

Miss Emma Sonderman, of the South Side, is visiting friends in Canal Dover, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murrin returned home yesterday from a visit to Denison.

U. S. G. Hough, passenger agent of the Union Pacific road at Chicago, is at the McClure house.

Mr. J. Reizenstein and family leave this morning for Magneto Springs, O., to be gone two weeks.

Messrs. John S. Naylor, L. A. Lallance and A. D. Rickey left for New York yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. James Giffen, of East Wheeling, will leave to-day for a tour of the Michigan resorts.

Misses Mary Scheele and Sallie Dudley are visiting friends in New York and Philadelphia.

Harry J. Hanff, the "Hub" window dresser, will leave this afternoon for Long Branch, to spend his vacation.

Mr. Harry V. Arkle, of the Register, left yesterday for Cincinnati by boat to spend a vacation of two weeks or so.

Mrs. George Adams and her daughter, Mrs. Philip T. Allen, left for Staunton, Va., last evening on the B. & O. railroad.

The Misses Annie and Carrie Stringer, who have been visiting their parents on North Market street, returned yesterday to Columbus.

Mr. W. A. Latash and wife, of La Belle street, left yesterday for Philadelphia and the east for a two weeks' visit to relatives and friends.

Alfred Ulrich left yesterday for New York. He will join the Swift touring party there and will go with them to Washington, to attend the L. A. W. meet.

Prof. John H. Romner, formerly of Linsly institute and afterwards principal of the Fairmont Normal school, is home from the Yale law school, where he graduated with honor.

Mrs. Thomas G. Britt, of the East Side, who has been confined to her room for several weeks with typhoid fever, is convalescing. Her friends hope to be able to take her to the country in a few days.

Major J. M. Lee, formerly military instructor of Linsly Institute, for several years superintendent of the public schools at Huntington, was in the city yesterday on the way to visit his parents, up the river.

Rev. J. A. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Hamilton and Miss R. Truxell are among the Wheeling delegates to the national convention of the Society of Christian Endeavor, which opened in New York yesterday.

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## AL FRANZHEIM HURT

While Celebrating the Fourth of July at Steubenville.

## HIS HAND IS BADLY LACERATED

By the Explosion of a Giant Cracker, and he will be Disabled for Some Time and Probably lose a Finger—A Newspaper Man Wounded by a Fire Cracker—Other Accidents.

Intelligence was received here yesterday morning that Col. Albert Franzheim had seriously injured his right hand at Steubenville the evening before, while firing off fireworks at the residence of Mr. Harry Harden, in that city. He was directing the display, while at the same time engaged in shooting off cannon crackers himself. Several of his friends present thought he was a little reckless in handling the dangerous explosives, and cautioned him, but he thought he was careful enough.

He had lighted an American cannon cracker, one of those dynamite abominations, and was about to toss it in the air when something diverted his attention and he held the cracker too long. It exploded in his right hand, lacerating that member badly. The second finger was so badly bruised and torn that it had to be amputated at the first joint, while the flesh was torn from his forefinger and third finger clear to the bone, the little finger was somewhat torn and the flesh between his thumb and forefinger was burned and lacerated terribly.

The physician who amputated the finger and dressed his hand expressed the opinion that it would be several months before the hand would heal up so as to be used. It was reported here at first that the whole hand would have to be cut off, but this was, happily, untrue.

Mrs. Franzheim, his mother, and his brother, Mr. C. W. Franzheim, went up to Steubenville yesterday to see how he was getting along.

Last evening Mr. Franzheim was brought to the city and taken to the city hospital, where his injuries can be properly attended to. He was suffering a great deal of pain, but was in good spirits.

## An Editor Wounded.

On Monday evening Mr. Winder, editor of the *Staats Zeitung*, was sitting on a chair in Hoffmann's grocery, at Fulton, when some reckless person placed a large dynamite cracker under the chair and set it off. The explosion broke off a piece of one of the legs of the chair, and the jagged end was forced some distance into his leg. The wound bled so profusely that Mr. Winder almost bled to death before the doctor could stop it, and his leg is very painfully injured. This case simply shows what extreme care should be used in firing large crackers.

## Other Accidents.

The INTELLIGENCER yesterday contained accounts of an unusual number of accidents from fourth of July fireworks, all the most serious being included, but from the way accounts of them must have been half a hundred people must have been hurt. Gracie Ingram, a child of the eighth ward, had her right hand torn and burned. Samuel Spidel, of the South Side, had a piece torn out of his scalp at the Archibald's grove picnic. Clyde Butler, a South Jacob street boy had his eyes badly burned. A boy named Garstine, on South Woods street, had his right hand burned by rockets. Charles Powell, of Benwood, was hurt and his clothes torn by the explosion of a cracker in his hip pocket. William Lashley was struck in the face by a roman candle ball up Caldwell's run; and painfully burned. George Schan, aged ten, had a piece of wood blown into his leg near the La Bell mill. Jennie Bowman, of East Wheeling, had her dress burned off. Jack Heffner, of North Wheeling, and Joseph McEarr, of East Wheeling, both boys, had their faces burned. John Newhardt, of East Wheeling, was hurt by a toy cannon bursting. There were many other slighter accidents.

## NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats. The River Interests.

The marks on the landing showed that the river was rising last night, with 8 feet in the channel.

The reports from above were:

Morgantown—5 feet 2 inches and falling; clear; thermometer 80° at 4 p. m.

Brownsville—6 feet 2 inches and falling; clear.

Warren—4 feet 5 inches; clear and cool.

The steamer Keystone State passed down for Cincinnati at 8:30 a. m., yesterday—The Hudson got away for Pittsburgh a half hour later—The Courier swung off for Parkersburg at 8 p. m.

To-day the Lizzie Bay will go down to Charleston at 5 a. m.—The Batchelor will leave for Pittsburgh at 5 a. m. She made no trip on the Fourth, but remained tied up at the wharf here.—The Scotia will depart for Pittsburgh at 8 a. m.—The Andes will pass down for Cincinnati at 8 a. m., and the Ben Hur for Parkersburg at 11:30 a. m.

## Popular Excursion to Atlantic City.

On Thursday, July 14, the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will inaugurate the series of popular excursions for the summer to Atlantic City from Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Parkersburg and all intermediate stations to Washington Junction, Md. This announcement will be welcomed by thousands of residents of Western Maryland, Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Eastern Ohio, who may desire to avail themselves of the cheap rates and superior train service of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for a trip to the seashore. For the excursion on July 14 the same low rates and unexcelled train service, which have made these jaunts to the sea so popular in past summers, will be in effect. Many improvements have been made at Atlantic City, which will add to its general popularity and strengthen its claim as the most attractive resort on the Atlantic Coast.

Tickets will be valid for return journey for twelve days from day of sale, and will be good on all regular trains. On return journey they will be good to stop off at Washington, thus affording an opportunity to see Congress in session, to visit the numerous public buildings, which are open to visitors free of charge, and to take a trip down the Potomac to Mt. Vernon, the tomb of the immortal Washington, as well as to visit other places of interest in and near Washington.

Trains leave Wheeling at 6:10 a. m. and 6 p. m., and for these two trains only will tickets be sold. Pullman sleeping cars on evening train. Round trip rate \$10.00. Correspondingly low rates from other stations. MFW

## A PECULIAR BLUNDER.

The Italian, Roma, Arrested here may be the Newport Murderer after all.

It now appears probable that the man who gave his name as Frank Roma, and who so closely answered the description of Poli, alias Bohne, the murderer wanted at Newport, Ky., may be the murderer after all. When Chief of Police McNichol telegraphed to Newport about Poli, he received an answer that the man wanted there was already in custody. Roma was therefore sent to Fairmont, where he was wanted on a charge of robbery.

Several days ago Chief McNichol received a letter from the police authorities at Newport saying there had been a mistake in sending the telegram, and that the Italian murderer they wanted had never been captured. The chief went out to Fairmont and secured a photograph of Roma, which is a "dead ringer" for the photo of the murderer sent here from Newport. This picture was sent there, but so far no answer has been received.

As was pointed out in the INTELLIGENCER at the time of his arrest, the resemblance of Roma to the Newport Italian is remarkable. How such a serious blunder could be made as was in this case it is hard to conceive. The telegram received here read: "No, you have not got our man. We have him here"—or words to that effect.

## The "Jack Bass" Outing.

The Jack Bass Fishing Club will leave this morning in wagons for its camp on the Davis farm, up Wheeling creek. Others will go out tonight. There are in the party enough members of the Opera House Orchestra and other musicians to get up a pretty good concert and there will be music every evening. The party is, of course, well provided with everything that could possibly be needed, with the exception, perhaps, of fishing tackle, and that the members will have a good time in their elegantly fitted up club houses goes without saying.

## WILL NOT BE PUSHED.

Edward Ryan, the Express Thief, Restores All But \$187 of the Stolen Money.

PITTSBURGH, July 5.—The United States Express company has received \$4,813 of the \$45,000 stolen by Edward J. Ryan, a Washington employe, three weeks ago.

When arrested in Denver he had in his possession \$3,433, and had spent \$187, leaving \$41,370 which he stated he had placed in the vaults of the safe deposit company in this city. He was brought here on Sunday. This morning in company with Superintendent of Police O'Mara and Manager Zimmerman of the express company he went to the safe deposit vaults and, after proving his identity, opened a drawer and inside was found the missing funds. The money was turned over to Mr. Zimmerman and Ryan was remanded to jail. This evening he will be taken to Washington, D. C., for trial. It is understood that the case will not be pushed.

## West Virginia Pensions.

Special Dispatch to the *Intelligencer*. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 5.—West Virginia pensions: Original—Edgar Holley, Franklin H. Bibbee, Edgar Dennis, Gideon H. Williams. Additional—James Pullum, John Wetzel, Joseph Smith, William R. Shuman, William Prince, Thomas J. Slater. Renewal and increase—Mandavi Bush. Increase—Andrew Gould, John Wilfang. Original widows, &c.—Emma R. Stewart.

## Patents to West Virginians.

Special Dispatch to the *Intelligencer*. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 5.—Patents granted to-day: Thomas L. Bruchinal, of Morgantown, spirit level; Benjamin B. Burnside, of Clifton, tobacco hanger; Thomas A. Little, of Wheeling, natural gas burner; Maurice Richler, of Williamstown, balanced stage.

## Appointed Trustees.

Special Dispatch to the *Intelligencer*. COLUMBUS, O., July 5.—James McSweeney, of Wooster, O., was to-day appointed a trustee of the Ohio Epileptic asylum at Gallipolis, to succeed James Neal. The appointee is a son of the late John McSweeney.

## Base Ball Yesterday.

Louisville 7; New York 5. Milwaukee 16; Indianapolis 8. Chicago 1; Brooklyn 2. Second game. Chicago 4; Brooklyn 5. Cincinnati 3; Philadelphia 7. Pittsburgh 4; Washington 2. Cleveland 11; Baltimore 5. St. Louis 8; Boston 14.

## Tin Plate Mill Burned.

St. Louis, July 5.—The tin plate department of the Niedringhaus rolling mill was burned early this morning, entailing a loss of \$15,000; fully insured.

THE only reason for Mr. Cleveland's nomination, and the thing that forced his nomination in spite of all the efforts of politicians, was the fact that, in the minds of the Democratic masses, he represents the idea of free trade. The platform is an unmistakable declaration against all parleying with protection. It puts the Democratic party in the field as committed to the policy of sweeping away every shred of a protective duty.—Henry George, the Free Trader.

CESAR's famous "Veni, vidi, vici,"—I came, I saw, I conquered—might be an appropriate motto for Ayer's Sarsaparilla. We charge nothing for the suggestion. This great blood purifier conquers wherever it comes, and is now absolutely without equal in the world. DAW

## Mountain Lake Park.

July 25 to August 23, 1892, the Baltimore & Ohio company will sell excursion tickets from Wheeling to Mountain Lake Park, at \$4.50 for the round trip, good returning until August 31.

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